

ORDINANCE NO. 024-80

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING PUBLIC  
DISADVANTAGEOUS AND  
AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH  
AT&T ENTERPRISES, LLC FOR  
LOCAL, LONG DISTANCE, TOLL-  
FREE, AND DATA  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority ("Authority") requires local, long distance, toll-free, and data telecommunications services; and

WHEREAS, AT&T Enterprises, LLC ("AT&T"), the successor-in-interest to AT&T Corp., is the only telecommunications service provider in the Chicago area that can provide service to the specialty analog hardwired copper circuits in use at the Authority; and

WHEREAS, The Authority has thousands of legacy telecommunications circuits ranging from traditional telephone service, high speed Data Network Service, to specialty analog circuits that serve traction power substations, rail stations, and other unique locations; and

WHEREAS, The Authority is planning to transition the last of these legacy circuits, removing the dependency on AT&T as the service provider for this infrastructure, but Technology Management requires a new contract for these services to allow the Authority to maintain current services while transitioning remaining legacy AT&T circuits to modern infrastructure in alignment with the move to the new Training and Control Center Systems in 2026; and

WHEREAS, The contract provides for landline telecommunications including local, long distance, toll-free voice communications, and a wide range of data communications at various locations system wide; and

WHEREAS, This procurement was reviewed and approved by the Authority's Sole Source/Disadvantageous Review Committee (SDRC) following no other vendor responses to its advertisement on the Authority's website for three weeks; and

WHEREAS, AT&T certified that the prices quoted for this contract are "Equal To" or "Not Greater Than" prices currently quoted to their most favored customers; and

WHEREAS, Section 1.4D of the Procurement Policy and Procedures provides for the award of contracts when the Transit Board determines that competitive public bidding would be disadvantageous and federal funds are not utilized; and

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WHEREAS, Staff recommends the award of a contract to AT&T under Requisition No. B24OP02073 for local, long distance, toll-free, and data telecommunications services for two years in an amount not to exceed \$6,600,000.00; now, therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHICAGO TRANSIT BOARD  
OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY:

SECTION 1. Based on the statements set forth in the preamble of this ordinance, the Chicago Transit Board hereby determines that competitive public bidding for this requirement is disadvantageous.

SECTION 2. The Chairman of the Board, the President of the Authority, and the Vice President of Purchasing and Supply Chain, or their designees, are hereby authorized to execute a contract with AT&T Enterprises, LLC, for local, long distance, toll-free, and data telecommunications services for two (2) years in an amount not to exceed Six Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,600,000.00).

SECTION 3. The Chairman, President, and Vice President of Purchasing and Supply Chain, or their designees, are further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to implement the objectives of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED:

PASSED:

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Chairman

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Secretary

June 25, 2024

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